

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A hanger apparatus comprising:

a helix having a first coil and a second coil;

engagement means depending from said first coil for receiving and holding a selected object;

at least one coil intermediate said first coil and said second coil; [[and]]

said coils fabricated of a strand of material and having incrementally graduated diameters forming a frusto-conically tapered shape of the helix ~~having a hollow core~~, said first coil having a larger diameter than said second coil; and

said coils defining a hollow core through said helix.

Claims 2-4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented) The hanger apparatus of
Claim 1, wherein said strand of material is resilient.

6. (previously presented) The hanger apparatus of
Claim 1, wherein said strand of material is substantially
rigid.

7. (previously presented) The hanger apparatus of
Claim 1, wherein said engagement means includes a hook
depending from said first coil.

8. (previously presented) A hanger assembly comprising:

a supporting substrate having opposing first and second sides and an opening therethrough extending from said first side to said second side;

a helix extending through said opening and including at least a first coil and a second coil;

said first and second coils fabricated of a strand of material and having incrementally graduated diameters forming a frusto-conically tapered shape of said helix having a hollow core, said first coil having a larger diameter than said second coil;

engagement means depending from said first coil for receiving and supporting a selected object;

said first coil received against said first side of said substrate and said second coil received against said second side of said substrate;

said first and second coils of said helix

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mutually biased compressively retaining said substrate
therebetween said first and second coils.

Claims 9 and 10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The bracket of Claim 8,
wherein said engagement means includes a hook.

Claims 12-25. (canceled)